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Dear SIC Members and Friends:

Welcome to **Volume 2, Issue 2 of SIC Clips and Quips** – providing the latest news for School Improvement Council members and others interested in public education! We hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday season and are already making the New Year a productive one.

This year is starting out on a busy note. While we generally don't like to flood your inbox with emails, there is a lot of information we need to share with you. This issue of CLIPS & QUIPS is the first of a few that you will receive in the next week or so discussing a variety of issues of importance to SICs and their members.

SIC Membership Compliance. The SIC Membership reporting deadline was November 15, and we're pleased to announce that 93 percent of the state's K-12 public schools are currently in compliance with their reported SIC membership! There are still a few schools that have yet to report and a number that are just barely out of compliance, but this compliance rate is very encouraging. Want to check on your SIC's compliance? Visit the SC-SIC Member Network online at <https://sic.ed.sc.edu/network/default.asp> and click on "View the SIC Members (Read-Only)". Call SC-SIC at 800-868-2232 begin_of_the_skype_highlighting 800-868-2232 end_of_the_skype_highlighting if you need help - that's what we're here for!

SC-SIC 2010 Honor Roll SICs Announced. Eleven SICs from across the state have been selected for this year's SC-SIC Honor Roll based on their Level One applications for the Dick and Tunky Riley School Improvement Award. These SICs will be submitting Level Two applications for the annual award, with five of them to be selected next month as finalists for the Riley Award, to be given out at the SC-SIC Annual Conference in March. Congratulations to these 2010 Honor Roll SICs:

A.J. Lewis Greenview Elementary School, Columbia (Richland School District 1)

Brookland-Cayce Grammar School No. 1, West Columbia (Lexington School District 2)

Camden Elementary School of the Creative Arts, Camden (Kershaw County Schools)

Chestnut Oaks Middle School, Sumter (Sumter School District 17)

The Children's School at Sylvia Circle, Rock Hill (Rock Hill-York School District 3)

Indian Land Middle School, Indian Land (Lancaster County School District)

Manning Early Childhood Center, Manning (Clarendon School District 2)

Nursery Road Elementary School, Columbia (Lexington-Richland School District 5)

Round Top Elementary School, Blythewood (Richland School District 2)

Stone Academy of Communication Arts, Greenville (Greenville County Schools)

Strom Thurmond High School, Johnston (Edgefield County School District)

SIC Trainings – SCHEDULE NOW! Spring will be upon us before we know it, so if your SIC has training needs on "The Basics," "SIC Leadership," "Effective, Ethical Advocacy with Elected Officials," or "SIC Goal

Setting,” now is the time to schedule training sessions. Visit the SIC Training page at </trainingandresources/> to view training descriptions and already-scheduled training dates. Contact your SIC District Contact (a complete list of DCs is available on our website at </sicdistrictcontacts.htm>) for more information about training in your district.

Additional Training and Resources are available through the SC-SIC Clearinghouse. This is an exciting new resource for local School Improvement Councils designed to assist in finding training, brochures, DVDs, and more from a variety of state agencies and nonprofit organizations. **You can find Parent Involvement training here!** Visit the SC-SIC website at </trainingandresources/> to find the help you need. Don't see your topic listed? Contact us and we will try to find what you're looking for. And check back often – this is a new and growing service provided for you by SC-SIC and new listings will be coming!

New SC-SIC Board Member. The SC-SIC Board of Trustees has welcomed another new member: parent and school volunteer Gary S. Alexander of Blythewood. The Board of Trustees, composed of 21 individuals from various walks of life representing all corners of our state, serves as an advisory body to the SC-SIC much like local SICs serve their schools. We are very fortunate to have Mr. Alexander – a current local SIC member and former SIC chair – join our present Board members in their commitment to supporting civic engagement for quality public education in South Carolina.

SC- SIC has a Facebook Fan page! If you have a Facebook account, please become a Fan of SC School Improvement Council at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Columbia-SC/SC-School-Improvement-Council/140752415812?ref=ts>. Follow us on Twitter as well! Don't know much about Facebook or Twitter? Contact Claudia Wolverton at wolverto@mailbox.sc.edu for help.

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